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News Release

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Durham Offers Construction Forum on Trends & Challenges Facing Building Trade Firms

Online Registration Now Available for Free Seminar

What: Construction Forum: Trends and Challenges Facing Building Trade Firms

Who: City of Durham Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department

When: Tuesday, November 7, 2017, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Where: City Hall Council Chambers

101 City Hall Plaza, First Floor

Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- This free forum will be an open discussion on trends and challenges currently facing general contractors
 and construction trade firms such as workforce turnover, subcontractor utilization, financing, good faith
 efforts, and establishing a business footprint.
- Participants will also be given the opportunity to connect with other industry professionals from Balfour Beatty Construction, LeChase Construction, City of Durham and Durham County governments along with others in attendance.
- Participants are asked to pre-register by completing the <u>online training request form</u> or by contacting Senior Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Specialist Eric Miller by <u>email</u> or at (919) 560-4180, extension 17241.

About the Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department

The City of Durham <u>Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance Department</u> (EO/EA) is responsible for the implementation of the City's Equal Business Opportunity Program. Responsibilities include implementation of

race and gender neutral measures to facilitate the participation of Underutilized Business Enterprises (UBEs) in contracting activity with the City. The EOEA Office also administers the Small Local Business Enterprise Program (SLBE) which works to increase employment opportunities for our residents through recruitment, certification, and maintenance of the SLBE data bank, business development, City project compliance, monitoring, and reporting. Guided by the City's Strategic Plan, the department ensures that its services support making Durham a great place to live, work, and play by focusing on a strong and diverse economy, assuring that City efforts are innovative and high-performing, and supporting the stewardship of the City's physical and environmental assets.

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